

CARRANZA WILL FIND U. S. TROOPS READY TO FIGHT

Rebel Leader's Veiled Threat Is Followed by Significant Movement of Land Forces to the Mexican Border In Case He Decides to Fight Along With Huerta.

UNITED STATES REFUSES TO LEAVE VERA CRUZ

In Addition to Marines and Warships Already There, Land Troops Are Being Moved to Vera Cruz—Huerta Reported to be Preparing Attack on the City.

Washington, D. C., April 24.—What effect the movement of the land troops to Vera Cruz and the Mexican border, coupled with the renewal of the embargo on the shipment of munitions of war into Mexico, will have on the attitude of the constitutionalists, was one of the chief questions which confronted the Washington administration to-day. It was realized that on the attitude of General Carranza to a great degree hinged the extent of the military operations in Mexico.

The war department bustled with activity to-day, following the first actual movement of the army in the Mexican crisis, the departure of the fifth brigade of the first division from Galveston by transport for Vera Cruz. Major-General Wood is in charge of the movement.

President Wilson told Chairman Fitzgerald of the House appropriations committee that no appropriation is required for the present. Discussing the situation with a caller, the president explained that no aggressive act to aggravate affairs would be taken by the American government.

President Wilson made it clear also he has no intention as yet of calling for volunteers or of appearing before Congress to ask an extension of authority. He further stated that the infantry and artillery sent from Galveston to Vera Cruz is not intended as an indication that the United States would develop a campaign against Mexico City, but should Huerta by some overt act provoke the American government further there will be a continuation of the efforts to obtain reparation.

In the meantime, the officials also were apparently without any definite information regarding the plans of General Huerta, although the rumors continued that General Maas was preparing to attack Vera Cruz.

Considerable uneasiness continued to be felt here over the reports of anti-American demonstrations in Mexico City, where there are still many American citizens.

The whereabouts of Nelson O'Shaughnessy, who last night informed the state department he was leaving Mexico City with his passports, to-day was a matter of some speculation.

Secretary Garrison announced that a brigade of infantry and some artillery under Brigadier General Frederick Funston had been ordered to embark on the four army transports at Galveston for Vera Cruz, to support the expeditionary forces of marines and bluejackets there. The chance that General Maas, the federal general, might make a return attack on Vera Cruz with reinforcements, and the possible necessity of a forward movement toward Mexico City, to protect fleeing Americans and the Vera Cruz railroad, were the underlying reasons for the military movement.

The restoration of the embargo on arms was officially announced after the pronouncement of General Carranza, the constitutionalist chief, that he regarded the seizure of Vera Cruz as a violation of Mexican sovereignty, had been considered by the administration. While Mexican constitutionalists here protested that Carranza's real attitude was friendly, the American government decided to take no chances and abruptly stopped the shipment of all arms into Mexico.

President Wilson earlier in the day had issued a statement warning General Carranza that the United States was dealing now and would continue to deal with those whom Huerta commands, and "those who come to his support."

Rear Admiral Fletcher and American Consul Canada are occupied at Vera Cruz in handling hundreds of American refugees. British and German vessels took off more than 1,200 refugees at Tampico and a general exodus of Americans from Mexican cities was reported.

The Senate in the meantime passed the House bill appropriating \$500,000 to take care of American refugees. Senator Borah declared in the debate that a condition of actual war existed between the United States and Mexico. Senators Lodge and Weeks urged that the embargo be replaced along the entire border.

Rear Admiral Badger requested permission to capture all Mexican gunboats and vessels carrying troops or ammunition to Vera Cruz from Mexico City. Information was obtained by Admiral Fletcher that 300 federalists are encamped 10 miles outside of Vera Cruz and that General Maas has about 5,000 men at Soledad.

VILLA DISPLAYS AFFECTION.

Washington, D. C., April 24.—"Just had interview with Villa. He wishes to salute you affectionately and say you need have no anxiety."

This message was delivered to-day to General Hugh Scott, assistant chief of staff of the army, from Doctor Carlos E. Husk of El Paso.

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A. Algara R. De Terreros, the charge of the Mexican embassy, who was handed his passport by Secretary Bryan yesterday, left Washington at 12:10 o'clock this morning for Toronto, Canada, accompanied by Chief Flynn of the United States secret service.

SPREAD OUT LINES

Americans Control Radius of at Least Five Miles and Include Water Station to the Southwest.

Vera Cruz, April 24.—The American marines and bluejackets controlled to-day a radius of at least five miles around the town of Vera Cruz. Normal conditions have been resumed except for the presence of large armed forces. The outposts were pushed further out in a southerly direction early this morning to the water supply station at Tejar, and marines were sent to control the pipe lines into the city. Within the city shipping has almost ceased.

SPECIAL SERVICE SQUADRON.

Has Been Formed for Service on East Coast of Mexico.

Washington, D. C., April 24.—Secretary Daniels late yesterday issued orders forming a special service squadron for service on the east coast of Mexico. Rear Admiral Cameron McR. Winslow has been selected to command, and will hoist his flag on the New York, which will leave Sunday or Monday to join the fleet now in Mexican waters.

The special service squadron will consist of the battleships New York and Texas, armored cruisers Washington and Montana, and other smaller vessels. Admiral Winslow, who has been chosen to command the special service squadron, is now at the naval war college at Newport. It had been generally understood that he was to succeed Admiral Badger in command of the Atlantic fleet upon the relief of that officer.

The special relief squadron is composed of vessels ranging from the most powerful battleships in the world, the New York and Texas, to the tiniest gunboat, such as the Petrel and Eagle. This squadron, starting with 16 vessels and likely to be augmented to 40, will be serviceable for blockading purposes and the smaller craft will be used for inshore work.

VERA CRUZ VICTIM WAS A VERMONT

Rufus E. Percy, Who Received Mortal Wound, Was Born in Highgate Center, Where He Had Lived Most of His Life.

Concord, N. H., April 24.—"My son died a patriot." In this thought, which he expressed in words, does Mrs. Miles E. Percy seek to lighten the load of grief which has prostrated her since yesterday morning, when she first learned that her son, Rufus E. Percy, had died of mortal wounds received at Vera Cruz.

Rufus E. Percy, U. S. M. C., was born in Highgate Center, Vt., on June 9, 1891. He completed his education in the high school of that town and came to Concord with his mother and brother, George, three years ago. In January, 1911, he enlisted in the marine corps, and since that time has been stationed on several ships in Cuban waters, Panama and in Central and South America.

ATTACKING AMERICAN RESIDENTS.

Mexican Federals and Populace Active at Ensenada.

San Diego, Cal., April 24.—Telegraphic advices from American Consul Guyant tell of anti-American rioting at Ensenada, where the Mexican federals and populace, according to the report, were attacking the Americans. The monitor Cheyenne, now in the San Diego harbor, will leave immediately under rush orders for the Mexican city.

WOULD ACT AS ARBITRATOR.

King Alfonso Ready to Be the Peacemaker If Wanted.

Madrid, April 24.—King Alfonso of Spain is said to have expressed a willingness to act as arbitrator between the United States and Huerta if agreeable to both sides.

GUERNSEY CATTLE BREEDERS.

Formed State Organization with Col. Herbert T. Johnson, President.

Representative breeders of Guernsey cattle of the state met yesterday at the Pavilion hotel in Montpelier and organized a Vermont Guernsey Breeders' association. Col. Herbert T. Johnson of Bradford was elected president; Elbert C. Tenney of Brattleboro, vice president; Mark H. Moody of Waterbury, secretary and treasurer; and Edward R. Andrews of Putney, Dr. George Chamberlain of North Newbury, Irving W. Bates of East Barre and J. P. Ramsey of Charlotte an executive committee.

Superintendent Bishop of the advanced registry department of the American Guernsey Cattle club was present and gave interesting information about the supervision of the performance of Mr. Casatt's Guernsey cow of Berwyn, Pa., which now holds the world's record of all breeds for production of butter fat.

WANTS RECEIVER TO SELL PROPERTY

And Close Up Many of the Suits in Which Empire Company Is Party—Liberant Case Was Also Heard.

Several cases involving Barre parties were heard in chancery court. J. Montpelier yesterday afternoon, including the Empire Granite & Quarry company vs. Patrick M. Crowley and others and the same plaintiffs against A. C. Blanchard and others, Parry & Jones vs. the Empire Quarry company and Sibson vs. the Empire Granite company.

In the last named case the plaintiff asked that the receiver, Thomas H. Cave, jr., be permitted to dispose of the property and objected to continuing the case longer without bonds. Several parties interested said through their attorneys that they didn't care if the property was sold. Judge Slack reserved decision but suggested that the petition be amended so that the receiver can dispose of some of the numerous lawsuits in the cases as well as some of his claims.

A motion that the case of Julia Libersant vs. George Libersant, suit for \$12 a week for support of the petitioner and her three children, be dismissed on the ground that the parties were living together again was denied by Judge Slack and the case was set for trial on the 12th inst.

In stating this case, Mrs. Libersant's attorney said that her case for separate maintenance is pending in the court and an order was made for the husband to pay \$12 a week. Later Mr. Libersant went back to live with his family and the alimony order was discontinued. It was alleged by him that for some time Mr. Libersant had done nothing to support his wife or send his children to school and that the family has been at times without sufficient food. So the wife asked for a fair sum to support herself and children.

Attorney for the libellee said that Mr. Libersant had an interest in a quarry but that his interest was tied up by an injunction; a receiver was appointed and Mr. Libersant has no money to pay his bills. The attorney thought something ought to be done in the receiver's matter. After hearing the attorneys, Judge Slack made the order as above stated.

In the case of Wetmore & Morse company ap. vs. D. F. Ryle, an appeal from the commissioners, the statement was made that the property over which the parties were quarreling had been burned; there was no insurance and there was nothing left to fight about. Hence there was no cause to take into court.

The case of D. W. Cooley vs. Eastern company was removed to the United States district court, on request of the defendant on the ground that the defendant is in another state; the plaintiff agreed to the proposition.

ODD ACCIDENT CAUSED DEATH.

Murton J. Hammel Bumped Forehead Entering Car at Montpelier.

Burlington, April 24.—Murton J. Hammel, representative for the International Harvester company, died yesterday at the Mary Fletcher hospital after a 10 days' illness, death being caused by malignant endocarditis.

He was taken ill at the New Sherwood, where he was accustomed to stop on his visits to this city, and on Tuesday morning was removed to the hospital. He was 34 years of age and was unmarried. The body will be taken early this morning to Massena, N. Y., where the burial will be made Saturday.

Mr. Hammel is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James F. Hammel of Brasher Falls, N. Y.; and by three sisters and three brothers, the Misses Anna and Sarah Hammel of Brasher Falls, and Miss Mary M. Hammel of Syracuse, N. Y.; M. T. Hammel of Utica, Arthur Hammel of Massena and William Hammel of Brasher Falls.

Early this month Mr. Hammel, who was a good deal over six feet tall, struck his forehead on entering a train at Montpelier and suffered a severe nose bleed, which continued until he reached the hotel in this city. Since then he has been in poor health. It is thought that the endocarditis was brought on by the accident.

CHANGE IN C. V. SCHEDULE.

One Train Southbound Will Be Discontinued.

St. Albans, April 24.—The new schedule of passenger trains on the Central Vermont, which becomes effective Sunday, May 3, carries several changes of interest to traveling public.

Train No. 18, southbound, now leaving here at 11:45 a. m. is discontinued, while a new train, No. 4, will leave here weekdays at 4 p. m. running local to White River Junction. Train No. 10 will leave here weekdays at 10 p. m. carrying a sleeper from Montreal to Boston.

Train No. 6, now leaving at 10:55, will leave at 11:45 p. m. and run here, stopping only at Essex and Montpelier Junction for the branch connections.

The afternoon train for Richford will leave at 1:10 instead of 2:30 p. m. and returning, leaves Richford at 2:40, arriving here at 3:55 p. m. to connect with No. 4 train south.

DEATH OF DUXBURY WOMAN.

Mrs. William Richards Passed Away After Long Illness.

Duxbury, April 24.—Mrs. William Richards died this morning at her home on the Moretown road after a long illness with anæmia. She was born in Bolton and spent her early life there, engaging in teaching and later going to other places in pursuit of the same occupation. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Duxbury and was a niece of T. J. Devitt of Montpelier.

Twenty-eight years ago she was married to William Richards and most of the time they lived in Duxbury. She leaves her husband and two daughters, the latter being Miss Jessie of New York state and Miss Ethel, who lives at home. The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at one o'clock, and interment will be in the Phillips cemetery in Duxbury.

Weather Forecast.
Fair to-night, and Saturday increasing cloudiness; warmer in the interior. Moderate shifting winds.

MAKE VERMONT WHOLLY DRY

Is Purpose Behind Appointment of Methodist Temperance Agent

REV. H. G. HOWARD IS LIKELY TO BE NAMED

An Appeal Is Made to Raise \$300,000 in Behalf of Montpelier Seminary

Hardwick, April 24.—At the forenoon session of the Vermont Methodist conference in session here, Bishop Leete gave a talk on "The Love of God with the Mind." Afterwards five candidates, graduates of the prescribed conference course, were elected elders. They are: Rev. Orlo E. Barnard of Albany, Rev. Harmon H. Corsey of West Berkshire, Rev. Glenn W. Douglass of Glover, Rev. George H. Lock of Sheldon, and Rev. Charles M. Redstone of Waitsfield. It was voted to continue Rev. E. O. Thayer, D. D. of Los Angeles, Cal., formerly of Barre, in the superintendency relation with the conference. Bishop Leete was requested by the conference to appoint Rev. H. G. Howard of Walden temperance agent for the conference, the agent to co-operate with other bodies in bringing the state to the adoption of a statewide prohibition law. A resolution was passed expressing hearty accord with W. H. Jeffreys of East Burke in his campaign for the restoration of the Bible to the public schools. Rev. W. S. Smithers of Orleans, treasurer of the conference trustees, gave his report, which referred to a balance of more than \$14,000.

The report of the committee on moral reform expressed rejoicing at the constantly increasing powers of the temperance movement, endorsed the action of the trustees of the Vermont Anti-Saloon league in urging that the people shall have an opportunity to vote on a prohibitory law, and pledged the conference's support in a campaign for re-submission of the issue to the people. By appointment, Rev. G. H. Sisson of Essex Junction, W. G. Brown of St. Albans and C. A. Edgerton of Northfield were constituted trustees of the league from the conference. A resolution, also adopted, will be sent to the postmaster general at Washington, calling upon the postoffice department and upon congressmen for their aid in excluding liquor advertisements from the United States mails.

Toward the close of the session, Dr. Guy Potter Benton of the University of Vermont spoke briefly, congratulating the conference on its action in favor of Montpelier seminary and pledging his support in the effort to raise \$300,000 for the purpose of placing the seminary on a firmer footing. At the clergyman's request, it was voted to continue next year Rev. A. W. Ford of Windsor from the active to the retired list. Mr. Ford is chaplain of the state prison.

This afternoon a meeting of the Lay association was held in the Congregational church. V. A. Irish of Essex Falls presided and Dr. Benton spoke on "The Challenge of the Church to Men." At the Methodist church the anniversary of the Women's Foreign Missionary society was observed. Mrs. J. M. Jeffords of Enosburg Falls presided and the speaker was Rev. Dr. F. A. Lendrum of St. Albans.

Plea for Montpelier Seminary.

Reporting for the special committee on Montpelier seminary late yesterday afternoon, Rev. William Shaw urged an effort to raise \$300,000 to pay all debts of the school, to erect and equip new buildings and add \$100,000 to the present endowment. He also asked that the committee be authorized to make educational appointments and that certain sums be related to students from contributing churches towards their tuition at the seminary. The report was unanimously adopted by the conference.

During the afternoon Rev. J. W. Hatch, principal of the institution, took the floor and spoke in behalf of the institution, saying in part:

"The increased attendance is indicated by the fact that the tuitions are \$1,200 larger than last year. We have a harmonious, hard working and effective faculty. Our college preparatory work is of the highest type. The business and stenographic departments are well equipped and highly efficient. The art department, well represented here, has increased nearly 100 per cent within the year. The departments of elocution and music were never stronger than now and are not surpassed, if indeed they are equalled, in all New England. The two Christian associations and the four debating societies are doing excellent work. The school spirit is fine. In the midst of this generally gratifying situation there are several noticeable cases of improvement in scholarship and morals which are the joy and pride of the whole school. I am happy with my pupils and faculty and the old fascination for educational work is getting hold of me. There is nothing on earth so interesting as to observe the intellectual and moral growth of a young man or woman and to be a factor in the same. It is a thing which does not just happen uncaused. It is something for which some must give their very life. Without sacrifice there is no redemption in this business. We have a very superior student body. How could it be other when it is composed of the sons and daughters of Vermont, the state that leads all others in the nation, according to its population, in the number of its citizens who have come to distinction, as shown by 'Who's Who in America.' The blood of their fathers and mothers courses in the veins of these sons and daughters. I have never seen a student body anywhere near its equal in brain power and high purpose. Are such lives worth investing in for their own sakes and for the sake of the kingdom? It is a fair question I ask you—Where can Vermont money be better invested than in giving the clear-headed, clean-hearted, ambitious Vermont boys and girls a fair chance to develop the might powers that stir in brain and heart?"

"I hear people say: 'When are we ever going to get done giving to Montpelier seminary? I have heard the story of need ever since I was a child.' I reply: 'Just when do you want to get done being a partner in this kind of business? When do you want to get done helping the best young people this world ever saw climb to a place of power? When do you want to get done sending forth the living stream of humanity which for 80 years has been blessing the world?'"

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Supt. Dukeshire's Report.

Superintendent Dukeshire of the St. Albans district presented his report yesterday in part as follows:

Sorrow and Sickness.

"In giving my report for the district year last year there were no deaths in our parsonage homes and ministerial ranks. It is different now. Rev. C. D. Lance, strong, fearless, aggressive, successful, devoted, minister of Jesus Christ was appointed to our church at St. Albans. He didn't come. For reasons we do not know God called him into the service of the heavenly life. Grieved by a fatal illness, he staggered home from last year's conference, and in a little more than two weeks' time joined the church that is without spot or blemish before the throne of God. We miss him from our midst to-day."

"Mrs. Lillia J. Davis, wife of Rev. (Continued on third page.)

PLAN ANNIVERSARY OBSERVANCE.

Barre Odd Fellows and Rebekahs to Hold It Next Monday.

Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of Barre and vicinity will unite next Monday evening in the observance of the ninety-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Wherever the order has taken root, the day is to be celebrated and the program of the evening is to be Dr. W. N. Bryant of Ludlow, himself a prominent member of the order and a man who is well versed in Odd Fellowship. Undoubtedly he will deal largely with the history and functions of the fraternity in America. His address will be a part of a program of musical and literary numbers. Among those who are to contribute to the program are the following: Mrs. C. G. Carr, piano solo; Miss Mary Patterson, vocal solo; reading, Dr. F. M. Lynde; vocal solo, George F. Mackay. The committee in charge of the anniversary consists of Frank W. Jackson, P. G. R., Alexander Duncan, G. H., and John McDonald. Hiawatha lodge, No. 20, I. O. O. F. is the entertaining lodge.

COUGHED BADLY DURING NIGHT.

Otherwise Emperor Francis Joseph's Condition Is Unchanged.

Vienna, Austria, April 24.—The rest of Emperor Francis Joseph was disturbed again last night by constant coughing, according to the official report, but otherwise there was no change in the monarch's condition.

IS BARRE TO HAVE THAT NEW HOTEL?

City Is Asked Merely for Exemption from Taxation for Five Years and Not For Donation of the Site—Meeting Comes To-night.

Is Barre to have a new hotel the coming summer? The answer lies in the outcome of the vote to be taken in special city meeting to-night on the question of exempting the proposed hotel of the Barre Hotel company from taxation for a period of five years. So much has been said on both sides of the question that its every phase has been given a thorough airing. Most voters will go to the polls to decide whether a familiar with the situation. But for the sake of informing that element which stays at home on special meeting night, it may be stated that a majority of 705 must be in favor of the exemption, else the project will go no further.

Out of a mass of facts and figures

hedging around the question this much is certain: There will be no new hotel without exemption; and there will be no exemption, under the law, unless the majority for it numbers 705. It is up to the voters to decide whether the city's public assets are to be increased without an additional expense of one cent to the city, or whether the proposal which a few men have made is to be rejected summarily.

A misapprehension has overtaken some that the city is to be asked to donate the site of the hotel. This is absolutely without foundation. The city is asked only to act favorably on the fourth article in the warning for the meeting, i. e., to exempt the property for five years. That is the sum and substance of the sole request the incorporators have made to the city. As has been explained before, a single year's taxes at the expiration of the five year period will mean a larger revenue for the city than five years' taxes on a vacant lot. Likewise, exemption would not be followed by an increase in the tax rate, so it will be seen that as a dollar-and-cents proposition no man stands to lose a single penny.

Will the City of Barre vote to exempt from taxation for a period of five years the proposed New Hotel Property, to be erected on the vacant lot on Washington Street, adjoining the Aldrich Public Library, commencing with the year 1915?

YES ☐ NO ☐

Name of Voter.....

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Mobs in the Streets of Mexico City Went to Highest Pitch of Excitement When Informed That American Troops Had Landed at Vera Cruz

'DEATH TO AMERICANS' THEY SHRIEKED

The Americans Left in the Capital City Are in Critical Situation, According to Refugees Arriving at Vera Cruz To-day

Mexico City, Via Refugee Train to Vera Cruz, April 24.—Mobs in the streets of Mexico City are trampling under foot the Stars and Stripes and threatening American pedestrians. When the refugee train carrying 500 fugitives of various nationalities left for Vera Cruz, the position of the Americans left in the federal capital was regarded as critical since Nelson O'Shaughnessy and the American army and navy representatives were to leave on Thursday night. Immediately after the landing of the American bluejackets and marines at Vera Cruz had been made known by the newspaper extras, crowds began to gather and at dusk the mob appeared in front of the American club, smashed the windows, howled insults at the Americans inside and threatened to assassinate all. Until early morning bands of excited Mexicans marched the streets singing the national anthem and shouting: "Death to the Americans."

An American jewelry store was looted while the police looked on. The newspapers, probably acting under the directions of Huerta, issued extra printing dispatches saying that El Paso, Laredo, Nogales and other places had been taken by the Mexicans who had gained a great victory also at Vera Cruz, where they expected to surround and drive the American invaders into the sea. The papers also declared that the battleship Louisiana had been sunk by a torpedo. The refugee train took 20 hours to make the journey from Mexico City to Vera Cruz.

ENGLAND MAY SUGGEST SOLUTION

British Charge at Mexico City Starts for Vera Cruz Under Orders From His Superiors to Meet Admiral Fletcher.

London, April 24.—The Mexican City correspondent of the Daily Telegraph in a cablegram dated Thursday says: "A telegram from Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador at Washington, was received at the British legation yesterday, as a result of which the British charge, Thomas B. Hohler, started for Vera Cruz."

"It is understood that Mr. Hohler's mission is to meet Admiral Fletcher and enter into negotiations with him regarding a possible attempt to solve the Mexican difficulty through the intervention of British diplomacy."

"However surprising this news may seem it is not regarded at the American legation as being without foundation, as it is believed that the United States cannot wish to repel any suggestion for an honorable solution."

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